

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-44 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 11, 21, and 31 were amended. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

**I. Interview Summary**

Theodore D. Fay III and the examiner discussed the preceding claim amendments. An agreement was reached that the preceding claim amendments would overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections.

**II. 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph**

The examiner has rejected claims 1, 11, 21, and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended the claims accordingly. Therefore the rejection of claims 1, 11, 21, and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph has been overcome.

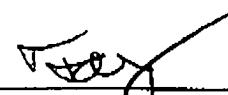
**III. Conclusion**

Reconsideration of the claims is requested. Applicants urge that the application is now in condition for allowance.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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